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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/651,889
Filing Date	August 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Ritsuko KAWASAKI, et al.
Group Art Unit	2891
Examiner Name	Dana Farahan
Attorney Docket Number	740756-2205

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continuation prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB-29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment After Final	iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	v. <input type="checkbox"/> Petition for Three-month Extension of Time
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)	

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

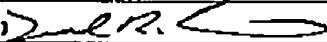
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- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) in the amount of \$790.00
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of _____
- Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

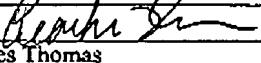
c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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